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Took Guns For Metre Hill

Capt. Orland Cullen Inventor of Gun Used by Japanese Arrives Here.

Chartered Steamer and Carried Ordnance and Submarine to Japanese.

Some Tales of Submarine's Work -- One Waited for Baltic Squadron.

Capt. Orland Clyde Cullen, of Waterlick, Virginia, U. S. A., inventor and soldier of fortune, arrived by the steamer Kaungawa Maru yesterday from Tokyo, where he was decorated for services rendered to Japan. Capt. Cullen is an affable, soft spoken man, without fiery eyes or pointed beard; he does not say "By Jove," nor write poetry, nor yet play a concertina, but the tale of the services he rendered for Japan is parallel to the daring adventures of Capt. Owen Kettle. It deals with gun running, of the invention and running of guns with a terrible velocity and penetration—cannot be overestimated the downfall of Port Arthur; of the sinking of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk off Port Arthur by a submarine similar to the Holland type, operated by two Americans, of the running of submarines in section for use by the Japanese against the Russian fleet, and of how some adventurous men waited among Greek islands in the Mediterranean seeking a chance to assault the Baltic squadron—an incident in the incident of which the Russians were said to have been informed and which caused them to be so fearful of attack when in the North Sea.

Capt. Cullen sat in his room at the Driad hotel yesterday, and told a Colist reporter of how he landed the guns to Japan which were mounted on 203 Metre hill, and which destroyed the Russian warships and penetrated the turret parapets of the Russian stronghold. He showed the section of the bore of the ordnance on the drawings accompanying the patent rights which he holds from 28 countries. The guns which did such havoc causing the fall of Port Arthur several weeks sooner than the stronghold would otherwise have capitulated were made in Austria. They are guns invented by Capt. Cullen and W. Anderson at Waterlick, Virginia—the Cullen ball-bearing gun. This ordnance has ball bearings in the fluting of the bore, differing from the ordinary rifling, and has also a cushion at the mouth of the gun which does away with the usual recoil. The inventor claims that these guns, which are of nine and ten inch calibre, have a greater penetration, incidentally a greater penetration, of forty per cent. over any gun now used. They can be elevated to any angle, even to ninety degrees, and can be mounted on any amount, the recoil which is a feature of the gun, being absorbed in the Cullen gun. All these things the inventor told the reporter of the gun, and showed drawings and patents.

The steamer Gizeka, of the Austrian Lloyd S. S. Co., was chartered at Trieste, Austria, to carry the guns, a submarine in sections, war munitions, ammunition, winter clothing, boots and stores—the clothes and boots being taken owing to the great demand exceeding the output of Japan. She sailed from Trieste early in October and safely landed the guns and the submarine—since built and ready for service—at Kure, Japan. But once during the voyage the steamer was thought to be in danger, and those on board were considerably alarmed; they eventually prepared to run the vessel ashore after a long stern chase by a warship and take chances of getting away. But the pursuer was found to be friendly.

The Gizeka was passing through Van Diemen's straits on her way from Shanghai to Japan when the smoke of a warship was seen. Capt. Cullen said that he knew the build of the majority of the Japanese warships, and he was among them a good deal, but the pursuer seemed a stranger. She flew the Japanese flag, but those on the Gizeka feared this might be a ruse and the steamer steamed away from her. The Austrian captain, who was excited, dancing a hornpipe on the bridge. Cullen, knowing how much was involved, had a hose attached to an oil tank, and poured oil into the funnels, getting 16 1/2 knots an hour out of a 14-knot steamer, and a dash was made.

The warship chased the Gizeka for 70 miles and as the steamer was nearing the forts at Otama, an island at the outermost part of Japan, she signalled the shore forts, which opened fire. Those on the steamer wondered why the Japanese were firing, they having looked out there for safety, and they accordingly hoisted a flag and waited for the warship, which proved to be the Japanese warship Chonguen, one of the prizes taken from the Chinese after the battle of the Yalu in 1904. The Japanese officers were aggrieved at losing an expected prize, but overjoyed when they knew of the safety of the Gizeka, of whose cargo they had been informed.

The Gizeka proceeded to Tokyo, and she returned to Kure where the guns were in all—four of 9 and 210th calibre, four of 8-inch calibre, all fitted with the Cullen ball-bearing bore, and one Canon gun—were transhipped to the steamer Ekaterinavsk. This vessel was one of the Russian volunteer fleet which was taken by the Japanese during the earlier stages of the war and has since been fitted as an auxiliary cruiser and transport. The guns were lifted into the Ekaterinavsk by the steamer Port Kure dockyard, and the former Russian vessel carried them to Dalny, where they were taken by the military railway that had been constructed toward the position held by the Japanese besiegers in front of the Port Arthur forts.

The Japanese forces carried the hill—the tale of the desperate assaults which resulted in the capture after the loss of 12,000 to 15,000 of the assailants has been told—and the guns were carried to the crest. Smaller guns were first taken; they failed to work the expected destruction. Then the Cullen guns were mounted at the back of the crest, their muzzles being well elevated to allow them to pour a high angle plunging fire on the harbor and the Russian warships that were there. The tale of the destruction of the fleet was told in cable reports, and also of the terrible destruction caused even in the steel of the turreted fronts of the stronly-made Russian forts.

48,000 THE TOTAL OF PORT ARTHUR GARRISON

Report From General Nogi Shows That Stoessel Had Much Larger Force Than was Supposed---Captives Include Eight Generals and Four Admirals.

TOKIO, Jan. 5.—A report from Gen. Nogi's headquarters largely increased the figures of the surrendered garrison and intimates that the force handed over to the Japanese at Port Arthur will be 32,000, exclusive of 15,000 or 16,000 sick and wounded, making a total of 48,000. The report is as follows: "The transfer to the Japanese mentioned in article 2, of the capitulation compact, took place on Jan. 4th, and the transfer of the batteries have been completed.

"The prisoners will be assembled at a place appointed on Jan. 5th, but the investigation relating to these prisoners is so complicated that the result cannot be anticipated at present. Reports received up to date are as follows: Eight generals, four admirals, 57 colonels and majors, 100 captains and commanders, 531 army captains and lieutenants, 200 naval lieutenants, 99 army officials, 109 surgeons, 20 chaplains, of the rank and file of the army 22,434, of the rank and file of the navy 4,500, army non-combatants 3,645, navy non-combatants 500; total 32,207.

"Besides these there are about 15,000 sick and wounded in the hospitals. The volunteers are carefully included in the list of non-combatants.

"One hundred saddle horses and 1,870 draft horses were surrendered."

Chefoo, Jan. 5.—Sympathy for the sick and wounded Russians at Port Arthur is widespread, but an idea to care for some at Chefoo, Tientsin, Shanghai, Weihaiwei and Tsingtau has led to an enquiry which developed the fact that the combined facilities of the places named are equal to harboring of only a small percentage of them.

Some time ago Russian residents of Chefoo collected a fund in anticipation of this emergency, but at a meeting of the British and Japanese consuls and the local health officers, the fact was developed that conditions at Chefoo are equal to caring only for sixty. The conditions at Shanghai and Tientsin are proportionally inadequate. The general opinion in Chefoo is the great mass of the sick and wounded will be compelled to remain at Port Arthur until they are sufficiently convalescent to return to Russia.

The refusal of the Japanese to accept the aid tendered by the British cruiser Andromeda, was an error born of their desire to show the world that the Japanese was equal to the occasion. The statement of the censored despatches from correspondents with General Nogi's army that the Japanese lost only 50,000 men in taking the fortress is declared to be absurd by Russian naval officers here.

Their lowest estimate, they say, based on personal observation and on stories told by the prisoners, is that the Japanese lost 80,000.

Advices from Japanese sources say conditions at Port Arthur are chaos, but General Nogi and Stoessel are rapidly systematizing affairs there. General Nogi is preparing to put a horde of Chinese coolies at work in the clearing of Port Arthur immediately the Russians are disposed of.

Vast quantities of cement and timber are ready, on the arrival of steel plates and other manufactured necessities, are ready in Japan for transportation to the fortress. The Japanese are confident that the re-fortification of Port Arthur will place the fortress in a better condition than ever with the Russian defects eliminated, long before Russia can besiege it, if such a thing occurs.

Ammunition and medical supplies to last for years will be sent to Port Arthur.

Japanese Consul Mizonoo tonight notified Russian Consul Tiedemann that the first portion of the one thousand resident non-combatants at Port Arthur, who are to come to Chefoo, will arrive Friday. It will be some time before the entire thousand reach here, owing to a shortage of transportation facilities.

Most of these are in good health, although some of them may be merely sufficiently convalescent to reach here. The authorities at Tokyo having refused a proposition made by the Russian minister at Peking, Paul Lessar, to send a ship loaded with medical supplies for the invalids, it has been suggested that this ship be diverted to Chefoo for the benefit of the expected non-combatants.

The local Russians are busy tonight endeavoring to find places for tomorrow's arrivals.

THE CAPTURED TOWN

London, Jan. 6.—Special despatches from Tokyo say that the Port Arthur garrison was marshalled at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning at Yakutsu, in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The Standard's Port Arthur correspondent reports that the town appears to have been little damaged by the bombardment. Carriages and rickshaws are moving about with well-dressed people, who apparently are anything but starved.

The ruined forts resemble hills shaken by a mighty convulsion, and in many cases the trace of the works has disappeared.

According to the Daily Mail's Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent, the British cruiser Andromeda, which sailed from Wei-Hai-Wei Wednesday morning for Port Arthur with hospital stores and surgeons, and which was not allowed to make a landing at Port Arthur, had a narrow escape, having passed two floating mines.

Japanese officials in London consider that it was solely on account of the danger of the vessel striking mines that the Andromeda's aid was declined. It is stated, however, that the British admiral omitted the formality of first asking whether assistance was acceptable to the Japanese authorities.

Canadians Visit His Holiness

Many Church Dignitaries Received in Audience by Pope Yesterday.

Bishop of New Westminster and Hon. Mr. Fielding Among Visitors.

Rome, Jan. 5.—The Pope today received in the Vatican a large number of the Canadian Episcopacy, clergy and students to the Holy See. The Pope read a sheet in his own handwriting in which he paid tributes to the bishops, clergy and people of Canada. He afterwards gave the students fatherly advice, insisting on the necessity of sacred duties being united with success. Each student was presented to the Pontiff and he blessed them all and congratulated Father Chapin on the completion of the college.

The Pope also received in private audience in his study Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Canadian minister of finance, and the latter's wife and daughter, Miss Zillah Fielding. They were presented by the Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi, archbishop of Montreal. The Pontiff received the visitors in the most cordial manner.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

Fall of Port Arthur Will Not Change Financial Programme.

Paris, Jan. 5.—Asked relative to Wall street rumors of the abandonment of the new Russian loan, M. Mafflavitche, the representative of the Russian minister of finance, today authorized a specific denial. He said: "The plans will be carried out. The first portion of the loan will be issued in Berlin and Amsterdam at the end of January and the balance in Paris during the spring. The rumors doubtless are the outgrowth of the fall of Port Arthur, but the Russian officials emphasize the fact that Port Arthur does not change their military, naval or financial programme. These were carefully matured in full anticipation that Port Arthur would eventually fall. There is no compromise with regard to the loan, which is purely tactical execution of the military and naval branches."

RETRIBUTION.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald telegraphs that Vice-Admiral Rojstevsky's flagship, the battleship Kniaz Suvoroff, has struck a rock and foundered.

The latest from Vice-Admiral Rojstevsky's squadron was contained in a despatch dated Tuesday, Jan. 5, in which it was stated that the vice-admiral's division of the Russian squadron, consisting of five battleships, three cruisers, two transports and a hospital ship, had anchored on that day in the roadstead of Sainte Marie, an island on the east coast.

The Kniaz Suvoroff was built at St. Petersburg in 1902 and was of 15,500 tons displacement. Her length was 367 1/2 feet, her beam 70 feet, her draught 26 feet and indicated horse power, 16,000. Her armament was of Russian Krupp pattern, and consisted of four 12 inch, twelve 6 inch, twenty 3 inch, twenty 3 pounders and six 1 pounder guns. She had six torpedo tubes. Her complement of men was 740.

REACTIONIST RESIGNS.

Moscow, Jan. 5.—M. Shoberbatoff, the reactionary president of the imperial agricultural society, has resigned because of the opposition to his course.

RAILROAD AUTHORITY DEAD.

Boston, Jan. 5.—Henry V. Poor, known for many years as a railroad authority, and an expert on financial affairs, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. Mr. Poor fell on the ice and broke an ankle three weeks ago and the shock to his system eventually affected his heart. He was born in Andover, Maine, in 1813. For many years he lived in New York city, where he published a railroad book and many others on financial subjects. He was one of the founders of the New York Geological Society.

After Many Months.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, Jan. 5.—(Via Peking.)—A meeting between General Stoessel and General Nogi took place at Shushisi village. The hour fixed for the meeting was noon, but owing to a misunderstanding of the time, General Stoessel arrived at 10:30 o'clock and was received by a lieutenant. General Stoessel remained at Plum Tree cottage until 11 o'clock, when General Nogi arrived with his staff.

The two generals met in a room of the cottage, and, after an exchange of greetings, held a long conference. When they emerged from the cottage the two generals shook hands and General Stoessel mounted his horse and returned to Port Arthur.

British News By The Cable

Alarm at Agitation for Free Importation of Canadian Cattle.

Irish Breeders Maintain That Many Farmers Will Be Ruined.

(Special Cable to the Colonist.)

London, Jan. 5.—The growing agitation by Willison in favor of Canadian store cattle in Great Britain is viewed with alarm by stock raisers, who interpret as total ruin of the industry the proposed removal of the embargo. Special stress is laid on Lord Onslow's former assertion that Ireland is supplying the deficiency caused by the act of 1896 and that the net price of stores is lower now than in the days of free imports. Mr. Field, M. P., championing the case, then opposed the free admission. "The Journal, in the course of a long editorial on the subject, says: 'Two-thirds of Ireland's cattle exports are the result of store breeding. Raising stores is now the chief resource of the small farmers and the principal resource of even the dairy farmer. The economic position of Irish agriculture at the present time is dependent to a large extent on the act of 1896, the repeal of which would throw the majority of Irish farmers into worse confusion even than at present. It is not too much to say that the repeal would destroy at one stroke the equity of three-fourths of the second term rents recently fixed and reduce to a ridiculous impossibility the purchase agreements under the new land purchase act.'

STRUCK WITH APOPLEXY.

Rome, Jan. 5.—Foreign Minister Tittoni, while attending a shooting party today, was struck with apoplexy. His condition is reported to be grave.

PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

Proposal to Congress Limiting Presidential Term to Six Years.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Senator Bailey submitted to the United States congress a proposed amendment to the constitution fixing the term of the President at six years and making him ineligible for re-election.

FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Russian Government To Issue New Postage Stamps to Relieve Distress.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The government has decided to issue a new set of stamps for foreign and domestic postage in denominations from one to ten kopecks, bearing pictures of the Kremlin, Plevna, Peter the Great statue in St. Petersburg, etc. These stamps will be sold for three kopecks above the face value, the surplus going to aid widows and orphans of the war.

Yesterday At Ottawa

Liberal Whip's Overbearing Conduct Causes Trouble to Members.

Influential Delegation of Importers ask for Modification of Tariff.

Commercial Agent in far Japan Shows Canadian Trade is Decreasing.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Another row took place today over the seating arrangements in the new house. Mr. Calvert, the Liberal, who wants to grab some of the best seats for his colony by depriving Northern, Fowler, Letungar, Barker and Lancaster, all Conservatives, of seats occupied by them last session. Officials of parliament say Mr. Calvert is in the wrong and that he has no power to compel a member to change his seat.

A new sight invented by the Ross Rifle Company has been approved by the department of militia. It embodies the best features of the best European and American sights and is to be attached to every Canadian government rifle.

The British authorities have abandoned the idea of publishing an army journal of the Empire.

A large delegation of importers interviewed the government today. The ministers present besides Sir Wilfrid Laurier were Sir Wm. Mulock, Hons. Messrs. Paterson, Prefontaine, Hyman and Brodeur. The delegation representing Mackay & Company, the John Macdonald Company, of Toronto, and Robinson, Little & Company, of London, asks for a decrease in the duties of such imported woollen goods that are not made in Canada. They also desire the duty on light dress fabrics, linings and mohairs reduced from 30 per cent. to 25-1-3 per cent., the minimum tariff. These goods, they claim, are not made in Canada. Sir Wilfrid promised to give the matter consideration, though the request was a unique one.

Senator Black will second the address in the throne speech.

Alex. MacLean, commercial agent for Canada in Japan, reporting to the department of trade and commerce, gives the Japanese statistics of trade between Canada and Japan. Exports to Canada declined from \$1,742,000 in 1903 to \$1,461,770 in 1904; while the imports of Canadian goods into Japan decreased from \$258,637 to \$249,500.

The premier was too busy to be seen this forenoon in regard to the report from Washington that he and Senator Fairbanks were to meet and talk over what would be done in regards to reciprocity.

Mr. Malouin, M. P., Quebec Centre, today was made judge of the district of Arthursburg in succession to Judge Chiquette, created senator. He is the sixty-fourth member of parliament to be appointed to office since Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government assumed power.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

Berlin, N. H., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Frank Wight, who was injured by jumping from a window in last night's destructive fire, died in the hospital today.

MINISTER CONGRU TRAVELS.

Peking, Jan. 5.—E. H. Conger, the United States minister, left Peking today for the Philippines. Secretary of the legation assumed charge of the legation.

TORPEDO BOAT FOR RUSSIA.

New York, Jan. 5.—The torpedo boat Gregory, built by Lewis Nixon at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian government, left New York harbor this morning and passed Sandy Hook outward bound at 2:30 p. m.

REQUIEM FOR FALLEN.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—There were requiem services at the war office and admiralty today in honor of those who have fallen at Port Arthur. The national service at the Kazan cathedral has been postponed until Sunday.

CIVIC OFFICIALS GO FREE.

Tokio, Jan. 5.—A supplementary agreement bearing upon the surrender of Port Arthur by the Russian military authorities provides for the unparoled release of all civic officials at Port Arthur who have not served as volunteers in the Russian army or navy.

BASEBALLERS' SALARIES.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Ed. Mac of Toronto, Eugene Underhill of Rochester, and Manager Geo. T. Stallings of the Buffalo baseball team, who compose the salary-fixing players' committee, met in an eastern league, met in the Iroquois hotel yesterday afternoon and decided to raise the salary limit from \$2,400 to \$3,200, and to limit the number of players to a team between June 1 and Sept. 1 to 14.

A WISE FRENCH POLICY.

Paris, Jan. 5.—M. John Dalpiaz, secretary-general of the French Trans-Atlantic Co., authorizes the following denial of the report published relative to an American banker seeking to acquire control of the company: "The report is false and absurd to anyone knowing French law and the requirements of our subvention which specifically prohibits the control of the company passing outside of France. Moreover, in negotiations of such a character are even contemplated."

U. S. COTTON STATISTICS.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The government's cotton statistics, as prepared by the agricultural department and census bureau, formed the subject of an extended discussion in the house today. Representative Livingstone, of Georgia, attached the reliability of the government's estimates and charged that the inaccuracy of the figures had created a panic in the cotton market. He called attention to the dissatisfaction which he said existed in the South over the government's policy, and said that the press of the South was ready to demand the abolition of the statistical bureau of the agricultural department. The question came up on a motion by Mr. Vadsworth, chairman of the committee on agriculture, to lay on the table the resolution presented by Mr. Livingstone several weeks ago calling on the United States secretary of agriculture for information regarding the method of collecting cotton statistics. The motion lay on the table prevailed.

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Emigration To The Colonies

Scheme Proposed for State Aid to Pauper Children of England.

Returns by Agricultural Department Just Published in London.

Special Cable to The Colonist.

London, Jan. 5.—Board of Trade returns say 453,531 people left the United Kingdom last year for places outside, against 440,006 in 1903, as follows: English, 175,941; Scotch, 37,372; Irish, 58,008, the rest being foreigners. The United States took most with 291,793. British North America comes next with 91,737, and South Africa 32,133.

On the subject of immigration Kinloch Cooke's detailed project to provide for a properly organized plan of state-aided immigration for pauper children, which, he says, is essential in dealing with the pauperism of this country and providing the colonies with a continuous flow of useful British immigrants without foisting upon the colonies wastrels and undesirable. The number of children kept by the state in January, 1904, were 38,866, of whom 8,372 were ready for immediate immigration. The plan provides that each colonial government should provide agricultural homes on farms where the children would be taught under government supervision; afterwards being placed in suitable situations; and that such local acts should be passed as the new circumstances would demand. In return the board of guardians would pay certain annual sums to the colonial government. The colonial office and local government board have assured Mr. Cooke of their sympathy for the scheme and promised to secure legislation in regard to the local difficulties, under the existing law the boards of guardians were not permitted to contribute toward the maintenance of children who emigrated to the colonies. The secretary for the colonies has written that no object is more desirable than that the children of this country be given in the wider spaces and healthier conditions of other parts of the Empire a better start in life so far as practicable. Any carefully devised scheme for this would be of service both to the individuals and to the Empire.

Law Wanted in Idaho.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 5.—Governor Gooding, in his message to the legislature, called attention to the fact that adultery is not a crime in Idaho and urged that a law be enacted making it such. He also advocated a law making polygamy a crime.

PUNISHMENT FITS THE CRIME.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Representative Adam of Pennsylvania today introduced a bill providing for the establishment in the district of Columbia of a whipping post for wife-beaters. It prescribes that the whipping shall be done privately by the chief of police or his deputy in the presence of the jailer only.

STEAMBOATMEN ORGANIZE.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The meeting of steamship officials called to consider the proposed changes in regulations recommended to Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor by the board of supervising inspectors, ended today. The gathering proved to be so representative that it was decided to form a permanent organization to be known as the Association of Passenger Steamboat Lines. Geo. White, of the Hudson river line, was made permanent president. A brief embodying the desires of the steamshipmen will be prepared by the executive committee and forwarded to Secretary Metcalf at an early date.

Edward Page Tells His Tragic Tale

Father of Murdered Cambridge Girl Tells Jury of the Crime.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 5.—In a voice that frequently trembled with emotion, Edward Page, the father of Mabel Page, the Western woman who was stabbed to death in her home on March 31, 1904, today told the jury the tragic story of the discovery of his daughter's death. Chas. L. Tucker, the defendant, listened intently to the old man's narrative but betrayed no emotion.

The aged witness was a pathetic figure on the stand, where, in spite of his nearly eight years, he remained standing for two hours, stolidly refusing to be seated.

As the witness referred to the fact that when he left his home on the morning of March 31, his daughter bade him farewell "in her usual affectionate manner," his voice broke and it was a moment before he could proceed. The same thing happened when he described his return home and the finding of his daughter's body.

Under cross-examination, evidence of grief gave way to anger, and when asked whether his daughter was a modest woman, the witness gazed straight at the questioner and refused to answer. Not until convinced that no reflection upon the character of his daughter was intended, would he reply, and then he said, impressively, "Superlatively modest."

The rest of today's session was devoted to the technical testimony of Dr. Mead, who performed the autopsy. He said that death was caused by three deep stab wounds and that in all probability Miss Page lived about two minutes after she had received the first of the four wounds on her body, and that the superficial wound to the throat was undoubtedly inflicted during a struggle with her assailant. In witness' opinion, criminal assault was not the motive.

Every seat in the court room was occupied today, the spectators including many women.

MR. SWIFT SPEAKS.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Swift & Co. here today, President Swift said: "It is needless for me to say to those present, who are more or less familiar with the facts, that the reports in circulation about the 'hoof trust' are without foundation. There is absolutely no conspiracy or combination to the control of livestock, the sale of meats or packing house products."

NO CONFIRMATION.

London, Jan. 6.—There is no confirmation here of the report from Paris of a disaster to the Russian battleship *Kniaz Suvoroff*. According to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Mahé, one of the Seychelle Islands, both divisions of the Russian second Pacific squadron were proceeding in the direction of Diego Suarez, Merchantmen who passed Vice Admiral Rojensky's division report that the squadron keeps good station and appears to manoeuvre well.

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HAMBURG LINER ASHORE.

New York, Jan. 6.—The Hamburg liner Prinz Adalbert, from Genoa and Palermo with passengers and a general cargo, is reported aground in New York lower bay. The vessel struck shortly after 1 o'clock this morning in the swash channel near Rorer beacon as she was coming up the lower harbor from the sea. It was low water when the vessel grounded. She will probably come off on the rising tide. The vessel is thought to be in no danger.

At 2:45 this morning a report from Sandy Hook said the wind was north-easterly and it was snowing and getting thick. The observer said, however, that the ship was in no danger. The Prinz Adalbert passed in at Sandy Hook at 12:45 this morning.

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ZIONIST MOVEMENT.

Conference at Vienna Will Await Reports From Africa.

Vienna, Jan. 5.—The conference of the Zionist committee on the proposed Jewish settlement in British East Africa is proceeding here. No decision has yet been arrived at. It is probable that the international Zionist congress will be held in London next year, and the settlement question after the committee of investigation now in Uganda reports on the subject.

FORGING U. S. CERTIFICATES.

Interesting Disclosures Made During Trial of Contraband Chinaman.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The arrest of a prominent Chinese lawyer of New York will probably follow proceedings before United States Commissioner Loucks tonight, during which it was disclosed that the Chinese lawyer, a husbandman, on trial for being in the country illegally, was forged and that the United States seal was stolen from a Buffalo commissioner. Dick produced papers showing that he had been tried before other commissioners on the same charge and had been discharged, but United States Commissioner Owens was present and identified the papers and said as being forgeries and at once the property of a Buffalo commissioner. He dropped the case against the Chinaman here and his bail was increased from \$500 to \$2,000 and the authorities notified to arrest the lawyer.

It is not known what the lawyer, who has been prominent in the affairs of Chinamen who have been charged with being in the United States illegally, has possession of stolen seals and sells the certificates to the Chinese.

The United States Commissioner Loucks discharged Yam Ting, who said that when he came to this country he was a prosperous merchant, and after losing his money was obliged to become a laborer.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—Lam Chee, a wealthy Chinese Chinaman, today was sentenced to two years in the house of correction and fined \$1,000 for violating the Chinese Exclusion Act. He was arrested after the body of Long Dick was found frozen in a refrigerator car at St. Louis a year ago. It was shown at the trial that Lam Chee had negotiated with Long Man, uncle of Long Dick, with a view of having the nephew brought to Chicago. The boy was placed in a refrigerator car and was found frozen in the car when it was opened at St. Louis the boy was found frozen to death.

LORD SELBORNE ON FISCAL POLICY

By Compromise Measure Satisfactory to Empire may Be Arranged.

Special Cable to the Colonist.

London, Jan. 5.—Lord Selborne, speaking at a luncheon tonight, said Great Britain prided herself on her working constitution, and if the different parts of the Empire did as business men would and showed willingness to compromise, there was no reason to believe that they would change their character. When in intercourse colonies, on account of affection for us, gave preference over other countries they gained nothing by it. There was at the present moment in the United States a feeling in favor of reciprocity with Canada. He said he had no means of judging the importance of the movement, but, supposing it were brought into operation, could anyone deny there would be a deep feeling of resentment in this country?

The question of bearing a portion of the cost of the navy would be one of the serious matters to be discussed in conference. It was due to the navy that the colonies existed without a standing army. It was impossible to exaggerate the service the navy did every part.

PROTECTIONIST MANIFESTO.

London, Jan. 5.—(Special).—Under the heading "Protectionist Manifesto," some dozen prominent merchants and manufacturers state their readiness to support a moderate tax on food provided differential duties be imposed by the colonies in favor of British goods.

TO BEARD THE LION.

Washington, Jan. 5.—United States Secretary of State Hay has asked congress to appropriate \$7,500 annually for an envoy extraordinary and minister of commerce where the secretary says, American commercial interests suffer for lack of suitable representation.

FOUND GUILTY.

Rising Star, Ind., Jan. 5.—James Gillespie, who, with his sister, Mrs. Belle Seward, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Babor was indicted for the murder of his twin sister, Elizabeth Gillespie, was found guilty tonight and sentenced to imprisonment. The other defendants were tried separately in the case of James Gillespie. The trial lasted over five weeks and was bitterly fought throughout. Miss Elizabeth Gillespie was shot and killed while in the yard when she was preparing to entertain a women's literary club.

NORTHERN SECURITIES SUIT.

Harriman Interests Will Appeal Recent Decision of U. S. Court.

New York, Jan. 5.—That the Northern Securities' case will be taken up to the United States Supreme court by a writ of certiorari by E. H. Harriman and the interests allied with him, was announced by W. D. Guthrie, attorney for the counsel for the Harriman faction today. Copies of the decision of the United States court of appeals was received by counsel today. After perusal of the decree, Mr. Guthrie said the application would be made to the Supreme court as soon as the court reconvened. The court of appeals dissolved the injunction which had been secured by the Harriman interests restraining the distribution of the assets of the Northern Securities, and its decision was, in effect, a defeat for the efforts of Mr. Harriman and Winslow Spiers to secure the return of the Northern Pacific stock which they turned over to the Northern Securities, the stock being valued at \$78,000,000. It is expected that a writ of certiorari from the United States Supreme court will act as a stay and prevent, temporarily, the resurrection of the Northern Pacific stock held by the "Great Northern Company."

FROZEN BREWERY COLLAPSES.

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Montreal, Jan. 5.—City authorities and the Baron de Hirsch institute are facing a stiff proposition just now in the shape of a massing of Russian Jews who landed at St. John, N. B., last Tuesday and have reached Montreal in a stranded condition. The newcomers profess to be going to work, but there is nothing for them to do. The Montreal Jews who arrived during the winter months are numerous enough to attend to all stray jobs, such as snow shovelling, etc. The Baron de Hirsch institute has been feeding these people, but find the burden more than it can stand, and has asked the city to do something. The city feels that it is doing all it can in giving employment to its own people. The Baron de Hirsch institute has asked the city to do something to ease the burden of this class of emigrants until the spring months, and in the meantime is shipping as many as it can to other places.

THE CHURCH AND STAGE.

La Presse, the leading French newspaper of this city, tonight stated that the advertisement of Rejane, the French actress now playing here, had been cancelled and that no further criticisms of her performances would appear in consequence of the number of complaints received concerning the nature of the productions. The church authorities have decided views upon the question, and it is expected that they are responsible for the action of La Presse. Meanwhile Rejane is playing nightly to crowded houses.

NEW C. P. R. STEAMERS.

The directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway today approved the plans and awarded contracts to the Fairfield Shipbuilding Co. of Glasgow for two new steamships for the company's Atlantic business. The new boats will be 550 feet, between perpendiculars, 65 feet beam, 14,500 tons register, and with

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THE SALMON REGULATIONS.

Whatever regulations are proposed in the salmon fishery they are sure to be opposed by some one whose interests are affected. Reference has been made to the joint agreement arrived at between Sound and British Columbia canners, not only regarding uniformity of regulations on both sides of the line, but for a complete cessation of fishing during 1906 and 1908. This agreement is for the purpose of permitting the salmon to reach the spawning beds with greater freedom, and so provide for a restoration of the larger runs of former years. A memorial by the canners is being forwarded to Ottawa asking that this understanding be enforced by law. It is very seriously objected to by the fishermen of the Fraser River. Naturally, it will be hard on them to be deprived of fishing for two years. The question is, however, if some heroic measures are not taken, will their occupation be not gone altogether? They also objected strongly to trap licenses on the Canadian side being issued. This was on the ground that it would interfere with their calling on the Fraser, notwithstanding that river, and without regulations were bound to exterminate the industry in toto. One result of permitting trap fishing on the coast of Vancouver Island has been to bring the American cannery men to the realization of the fact that two could play at the game; and they have now exhibited their willingness to join in an international arrangement for protecting the fisheries. Although figures have been advanced to show the contrary, it is admitted, we think, that the salmon canning industry is in danger of destruction from reckless and over fishing; and we do not, therefore, share in the opinion expressed by the New Westminster Columbian that the canners are after huge profits on the expected great pack of this year, which they hope to realize by preventing any pack in 1906; nor that "their suggestion means wealth for them at the risk of starvation for their victims on the river." We do not profess to know their inward hopes and desires; but we can fully realize that they conceive the proposed arrangement to be in the interests of the canning industry, and what is in the canning interests must be in the interests of the fishermen themselves.

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENT.

A gentleman deeply interested in the success of a comprehensive scheme of waterworks sufficient for all our requirements, writes to the Colonist stating that he wishes to know the views of the aldermanic candidates on the question before he casts his vote. This is a sensible suggestion. The most important scheme to come before the Council next year is the proposed extension, or reconstruction, or improvement in some form of our waterworks system. It will involve the expenditure of a very large sum of money in any event. The thing to be certain of, now that some scheme is practically sure of being adopted, is that we shall have the best scheme and that the ratepayers receive the best value for the money spent.

It seems to us that the simple, obvious way to go about attaining that most desirable end is to appoint a competent, reputable hydraulic engineer—not necessarily what is known as an expert—to obtain all the necessary physical data, to be embodied in a report that shall be comprehensive as to sources of supply, relative costs of different proposed schemes, nature of the water supply in each case, etc., etc., and then submit that report to a waterworks expert for a recommendation as to the best system to adopt. The report submitted by Mr. Raymur is very good up to a certain point, but Mr. Raymur, while no doubt a most excellent water commissioner, is not a hydraulic engineer; and in addition to that it is not at all certain that the great majority of the ratepayers would not prefer going beyond the sources indicated by him. It is quite possible that we can obtain a much better quality of water at a very much cheaper rate per gallon. There would, we are satisfied, be a very great deal of dissatisfaction in the city if it were decided to adopt any scheme which was not recommended by some one with authority to speak on its merits, and that had not been preceded by the most complete investigation possible. The opinion of an expert, or experts, will cost several thousands of dollars; but in a scheme involving half a million dollars or more the cost of expert advice is but a small consideration, in view of the importance of the issue itself.

AUSTRALIA TO ENGLAND VIA CANADA.

Recent legislation passed by the Australian Commonwealth affects the right of steamers carrying mail between Australia and Great Britain via the Suez Canal. By it the Australian Government is barred from entering into mail contracts with any company which employs Indian seamen or firemen. The steamship companies complain very much of this, inasmuch as they claim that the Lascars or other Indian sailors are the cheapest and best they can employ in this service; and, moreover, they can perform their duties in high temperatures which incapacitate either wholly or in part the ordinary white man. The renewal of the contract has been temporarily arranged through the intervention of the Home Government, but it is limited to three years, during which time it is hoped by the steamship companies that the legislation in question will be modified. In the meantime hopes have also arisen that the new conditions will encourage the carrying of mails and travel by way of Canada, which route is very much cooler than via the Suez Canal, all the way practi-

cally under a tropical sun. This will have special interest for British Columbians and Canadians in general, who had hoped to see ere this a larger volume of travel and more traffic developed on the line between Australia and Canada, both for political and commercial reasons. The Toronto Star remarks: "The issue to be decided will have its interest for Canada and may tend to hasten the time when a service of fast steamships between Vancouver and an Australian port becomes an accomplished fact. At present neither the ordinary volume of traffic nor the amount of subsidy paid justifies the use of vessels of large size or steaming capacity; consequently the passage from Europe overland and via the Suez Canal is very much more quickly performed than via this continent. The distance from Vancouver to Sydney is 6,900 knots; railway, Montreal to Vancouver, 2,900 miles, and sea distance Montreal to Liverpool some 2,700 knots, or a total of about 12,000 knots, of which nearly one-fourth can be performed by railway at the rate of forty to fifty miles an hour. It is easy to see that with steamships from Vancouver, even as fast as those on the Canadian Atlantic route, we could convey the mails more quickly than they are taken under the present contract with the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company, which performs the 12,050 miles from London to Sydney, via the continent of Europe and the Suez Canal, in the minimum time of thirty-two days."

THE APPEAL TO THE DOMINION.

Ingenious perversion of facts, even though clever, is not argument; it is not justifiable on the basis of party interests; it is not good politics. When the Colonist, in discussing the financial situation, held that no government in power in this Province could make ends meet, or satisfy the people, without further allowance from the Dominion, it did not even by inference seek to lay the blame for such a condition of things upon the Laurier administration. Nor did the Colonist seek to attach any blame to that Government for the increase of the Chinese head tax from \$100 to \$500, and the consequent cutting off of revenue to the extent of about \$300,000. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, we are well aware, in dealing with Chinese immigration, acted upon the strongly and frequently expressed sentiment of the Province of British Columbia. The fact nevertheless remains that the revenue thus cut off has to be made up in some other way, and our readers will recognize the unfairness of endeavoring to shoulder the Provincial Government with the blame of any shortages due thereto. The instance of the Chinese revenue only strengthens the position we have taken on the question of Better Terms. Heretofore, the ordinary revenues of the Province, with the revenues arising out of the operations of the Chinese Restriction Act added, have not been sufficient by far to meet the expenditure. Revenue is less able to that extent now to meet expenditure. As long as the conditions existed justifying the passing of the Act and keeping it in force so long was the Province entitled to receive certain moneys therefrom—much more, indeed, than it got—but it was at best an adventitious and never a legitimate source of revenue.

The Colonist is not discussing the question of Better Terms as for or against the McBride administration, but on behalf of the Province; and not for or against the Laurier administration, but as against the Dominion of Canada in so far as it stands in the way of our rights. The responsibility attaching to an administration at Ottawa, which may happen to be in power for the time being, arises out of the attitude it may assume in respect to those rights. It is a question, however, of too great importance to the Province of British Columbia to be dragged at the heels of any party, and should be discussed on its merits.

In reply to the statement in regard to deficits, those in the past are blamed upon the extravagance of provincial governments, which, by the same token, are referred to as having, all been "Tory." This contention cannot be maintained. There has only been one year in 33 in which there has been a surplus, and that only a small surplus at that. It cannot be maintained that all governments have been extravagant. Neither can it be maintained that they were all Conservative. They have all been composite in character, and more so in recent years, until the present Government assumed the reins. The Legislatures which have supported the present Government have also been of a composite character. The present is the first elected on party lines, and whatever else it has been it has not been extravagant. If we take the whole of the 33 years since Confederation, we accumulate a little over \$13,000,000, which includes several allowances made by the Dominion since 1872. That amount practically represents the difference between revenue and expenditure in the same time. If we knock off 20 per cent. for necessary expenditures, which, we think, will be admitted to be a very liberal allowance, we still have a shortage of about \$10,000,000 in revenue to meet legitimate requirements of government. Neither can we successfully contend that the Province could not have done with a great deal more revenue than it had in order to supply needed public works and improvements of various kinds. Therefore, by actual experience of thirty-three years under various governments it has been shown that the provision made in the Terms of Union for local services have been insufficient to meet the extent of ten million dollars. We have at the same time contributed fifteen or sixteen million dollars to the Dominion treasury in excess of all sums received in return in the way of appropriations. As compared with the Dominion, therefore, we are some \$25,000,000 worse off than we ought to be. That condition of affairs is not to be charged to any particular administration at Ottawa. It is chargeable to the Terms of Union accepted without due effort to make either side as to how the financial relations would work out.

At the present time the responsibility of a deficit, if one is to occur, does not rest with the Provincial Government. In addition to being blamed for increasing the taxes, it has been severely criticized for being, if anything, negligent in spending the money at its disposal. Since assuming the reins of power the one great effort has been to settle the financial difficulties of the Province, and to restore its credit, which were successfully done. In order to accomplish this task, it was necessary to provide for the interest on the \$3,000,000 loan, and to meet current liabilities, and to provide revenue to take the place of the Chinese capitation tax cut off, for none of which circumstances were any government in power in British Columbia, with its present source of revenues and its many serious obligations imposed by the physical nature and ex-

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ment of the country, in making revenue balance necessary expenditure; and the sooner all concerned recognize the fact and unite in an earnest appeal to the Dominion Government for increased allowances the sooner will deficits cease, and the burden of taxation be lightened. If we take, for instance, the roads and trails of British Columbia, which have cost \$13,000,000, it is admitted that they are still far inadequate to meet the ordinary requirements of communication. They will soon have to be greatly extended to meet the needs of our districts opening up, and others still to be developed. The same applies to all other services—schools, public buildings, government offices and so on. If we take the map of British Columbia we shall find that the settled portions as yet only form a fringe of the whole area. By far the greatest work has yet to be done. Where is the money to come from to pay for the extraordinary amount of educational necessities if the Province is not substantially aided by the Dominion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

Sir—Your editorial of some days since, in which you refer to "practical education," was very much to the point. The present system is far from being perfect, and I do not suppose that any system can be absolutely free of imperfections, for as we advance, we shall discover conditions to which education must be adapted. There is, however, several things which prompt attention by the education department, and I am given to believe that some, at least, are under careful consideration. I will take the liberty of mentioning what these matters are, as it is only right that the public should be acquainted with facts in connection with the educational work of the city. In the first place, I am glad to know that the complete reconstruction of the High school curriculum is endorsed by the leading educationalists in the province, and that a strong recommendation has been presented to headquarters embodying the very principles which the writer, together with several of his colleagues have striven for during the last four years. The scheme suggested is, as follows:

(a) That there shall be three distinct courses in the High school, namely, commercial, science, and arts.
(b) That entrance pupils may have a choice of either of the three courses, and that elective or special subjects may be taken in addition.
(c) That the work undertaken in the school shall have as its aim the development of the individual pupil, according to his or her own ability along the line of work chosen.
(d) That the work of the school may result in greater "practical value" not only to the scholar, but to this city.
(e) That the adoption of the foregoing scheme will enable the school to complete its course of study within two to four years at the outside.
(f) There is also another very important matter that must receive the attention of the education department, at an early date, as it is a growing belief that the entrance examination is quite unnecessary, and that pupils should be advanced to the High school upon their "general class standing," and not upon the results of an examination, which in many cases is no indication of a pupil's fitness to assume the higher studies. As long as the present system remains there will be "cranking," and it is believed that the abolition of the present system will mean a considerable saving from a financial standpoint, as well as a better understanding of the value of the education given.

I am strongly in favor of the view taken by the committee, and I believe that the work for the abolition of the entrance examination.

There is yet another question of considerable interest, especially to parents, namely, that of books, the cost of which is much greater than it should be. I believe the time is opportune for the advancement of the idea that the city or education department should place itself in position to supply all school books at cost price.

I am personally in favor of something being done to lessen the cost of books, as it works a great hardship upon the average working man. I may state that several efforts have been made, though with little success, and yet I believe that it is quite possible that the desired end shall be realized in the near future.

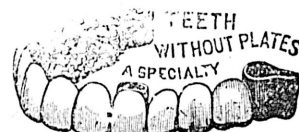
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DAWN OF A NEW ERA.

New York Press.
"Bill" Greene and "Tom" Lawson having cracked a cold bottle together, what next? Perhaps a tete-a-tete between Messrs. Gould and Cassatt, a small luncheon by Ira Reynolds in honor of Cassie Chadwick, a "gentleman's agreement" between Murphy and McGarren, and a unanimous agreement by all the powers to sink battleships and disband armies. Preceded as it was by the Jerome-Candlish compromise, the Lawson-Greene love feast plainly marks the beginning of a world-wide and everlasting reign of benign peace.

NOT GOOD REASONS.

Toronto News.
A list is published of ballot frauds committed in the general election of 1891, and in some subsequent elections. The purpose of keeping the late Conservative government in power. These were good reasons for defeating the Conservative government in 1895, in fact, the attempt ought to have come sooner. They are not arguments for keeping the Ross government in power. If that plea is allowed, we shall have the West Elgin fraud and the Mimble M. expedition put forward as defences for some Conservative wrongdoing in 1915 or thereabouts.



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The Municipal Campaign—The candidates for aldermanic and school board honors in the North Ward will hold a meeting in the Oddfellows' hall, Spring Ridge, at 8 o'clock sharp this evening, where a general discussion of municipal matters will ensue.

Install Officers—This evening Victoria Camp, No. 52, Woodmen of the World, will install officers for the ensuing year. After business is disposed of refreshments will be served and the remainder of the evening given over to social intercourse.

A Missionary of Eagleism—Mr. A. W. Von Rhein, provincial deputy grand president of the P. O. E. B., expects to leave in the course of the coming week on an extended tour of the Kootenay and Crow's Nest country, which will probably be extended on through the foothill country and up to Edmonton, where the establishment of an aerial is talked of. During the tour, aerials will be established at Cranbrook and at one or two interior towns.

County Court Judge—This afternoon at 4 o'clock an important meeting of the Bar Association will be held for the purpose of giving consideration to the question of the appointment of a County court judge. It is understood that the association will probably go on record as endorsing the candidature of Mr. P. S. Lammiman, who has long been prominently mentioned as a likely choice for the position which is soon to be filled.

From Water Commissioner—At the next regular meeting of the city council an important paper will be read from Water Commissioner Raymur, the same dealing with the undersigning of the city proceeding with the deal which involves the acquisition of the Goldstream holdings of the Esquimalt Waterworks Co. The commissioner presents a mass of interesting data bearing on the general question of waterworks improvements which will prove of special interest.

Presentation of Diplomas.—The principal and staff of the Girls' Central school here to announce that the diplomas to the thirteen successful candidates at the recent High school entrance examinations will be presented at the assembly hall of the old High school building at 2:30 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon. A short musical programme and an address to the entrance class will also be given. Trustees, clergy, parents and public generally are cordially invited to be present.

Commission Secretary Named.—In connection with the opening of the assessment commission on Tuesday morning next at the department of finance, it is announced that no interest has yet filed its statement of objections, although it is expected that elaborate briefs and extensive arguments will take up the time of the commission for a week or ten days. It is also announced that Mr. Neil MacKay, private secretary to Premier McBride, will act as secretary of the commission.

Davis-Kneeshaw.—The marriage of Mr. James H. Davis and Miss Amy Kneeshaw, was celebrated on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride, 155 Superior street, Rev. R. H. Kneeshaw, the father of the bride, officiating. A large number of friends assembled to wish the happy young couple all prosperity and happiness, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was passed. Many gifts gave testimony to the popularity of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will make their home at 103 Cook street.

Seamen's Institute—Mr. Bailey, the manager of the Seamen's Institute, having taken over the responsibility of carrying on the institute in the future, has secured the building on Langley street which was suggested by him in his letter to the Board of Trade the other day for that purpose, and which he hopes to occupy as soon as all the necessary arrangements for doing so have been completed, which will probably be in the course of a week or ten days, when due notice of the same will be given.

His Body Found—A few weeks ago the Vancouver papers were full of stories to the effect that Neil S. Phelps, a capitalist of Battle Lake, Mich., who had mysteriously disappeared from his home, was located in the Terminal City, and again mysteriously vanished. This story was foundationless would appear from the following despatch, which came in the regular Associated Press despatches yesterday afternoon: "Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 5.—The body of Neil S. Phelps, the capitalist of this city who mysteriously disappeared a number of weeks ago, and who was later supposed to have been located in British Columbia, was found today badly decomposed in the river here."

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CHINESE HONEYMOON IS VERY ELUSIVE

Miss Ethel Green Has Sympathy For a Blister Sufferer From Sunny South.

Vivacious and clever Ethel Green, who took her farewell of the amateur operatic stage at the New Year's performance of "Dorothy" here, expecting to immediately return to her home in the "moon" on tour, appears to have bumped into an embarrassing mudslide of that disagreeable quality called trouble. Miss Green is in Seattle, although the company is elsewhere, and she appears to be having as much difficulty in making her connections as the fair damsel at Central during a roaring nor'easter. She was duly signed in Victoria, but as the Seattle Times puts it, "dropped in the Sound city." The expectation was that she would find her transportation and assignment memorandum waiting for her in Seattle, but she didn't. There were no telegrams for her and no transportation to Spokane materialized, or even a reported way to the city. Since then, according to the Sound paper, she has been keeping the wires sizzling with messages to Manager Shubert, who, however, up to Wednesday night had preserved an ominous and tentative silence. Whether the contract made in Victoria is sufficiently cast-iron to hold a wily manager on tour in the States is matter for Miss Green's consideration.

Miss Simmons is another young lady who wants a "Chinese Honeymoon," but has been just too late to meet the Oriental combination on each occasion she has tried to join the party. To quote the Times:

Miss Simmons was ill when the company reached San Francisco and she was left in one of the hospitals of the Golden Gate city. The company came on to Seattle with the usual stops, and Miss Simmons was telegraphed instructions to join the party there. Not any the more did the company want Miss Simmons than she wanted the "Honeymoon," so she hurried north.

In the meantime the "Chinese Honeymoon" had been carried to Victoria and Miss Simmons went north, too. When she reached this city the elusive "Honeymoon" was just out of her reach again, and she obeyed instructions to return to Seattle.

Fifteen minutes behind the Spokane train there was the chorus girl and the "Honeymoon" troupe was speeding over the mountains before the petite chorus girl realized that she was again left out of the festivities. Then Miss Simmons appealed to the railroad officials for a train wreck or a serious delay somewhere that would give her time to catch up. Lacking in appreciation of the urgency of the case, the company merely telegraphed to let the "Honeymoon" company know that Miss Simmons was in town.

There was an interchange of telegraphic correspondence extending over several days with Miss Simmons just far enough away to make the daily receipts of pink envelopes containing such messages seem tantalizing.

At last, however, the train came to Miss Simmons to join the "Honeymoon" party and the fiasco of the bells seemed again within reach. But there was no transportation awaiting her and Miss Simmons settled back again to wait.

In the meantime the "Honeymoon" company is probably completing its engagement in Spokane. Whether the chorus girl will travel far enough to overtake the troupe before it hits Broadway depends somewhat upon good luck. She hasn't succeeded thus far.

Laborers' Union.—An important meeting of the laborers' union for the election of officers among other matters of business, will be held at Labor hall this evening.

Collegiate School.—The head master will be at the Laurel on Friday and Saturday mornings to receive parents, enroll new pupils and receive names of candidates for the entrance scholarship.

Poles Wanted.—The B. C. Electric Railway Company through its local manager, Mr. A. T. Goward, is calling for tenders for the immediate supply of 250 poles to be utilized in connection with proposed extensions of the local system.

Parents, Please Note.—The Colonist has been requested to remind parents in whose families there is whooping cough that not only the children who have the disease but the children who have not must be kept at home until a doctor certifies that there is no danger of spreading the contagion can be obtained.

For School Board Honors.—Among the recent additions to the roll of address of the B. C. public school board are Messrs. A. E. Bolton, Trustee Alfred Huggett and P. J. Riddell. The contest for the trustee board appears likely to furnish the only mild excitement of the present civic campaign.

Joint Installation.—The three subordinate lodges of the I. O. O. F. in this city—Victoria, Columbia and Dominion—will have a joint installation of officers this evening. The installing officer will be Frank Nelson, of I. O. O. F., assisted by an official staff. After the installation refreshments will be served and a social session held.

"The New Era."—In connection with the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, Mrs. Turner, Port street, has been appointed agent to receive subscriptions for "The New Era," the official organ of the society. It is published monthly and is filled with information about the home and foreign mission work of the Church of England.

Use as Laundry.—The brick building on Humboldt street formerly occupied by W. J. Pendray, and now acquired by the C. P. R. for hotel site purposes, is to be utilized as a laundry and for the purpose is situated in such close proximity to what will be the main hotel building that it will prove very convenient.

At the Crystal.—Crowded houses attended the Crystal Theatre Wednesday and Thursday evenings to witness Prof. Duprez's hypnotic performances. The control which he has over his subjects is remarkable. One minute they are monkeys and the next a new series of lectures. From that he turns them into schoolboys, and with all seriousness, they play marbles and peg tops. By special request every night Prof. Duprez presents the scene in the photograph gallery by turning one subject into a camera and another into the photographer, and anyone can have photos taken while he waits. At the Saturday matinee every child attending will receive a bag of candies.

L. O. G. T. Lectures.—The grand lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars have arranged for a course of lectures to be delivered throughout the province. Rev. Jonas Bushell, D. D., W. G. T., of Seattle, has been engaged for the course, and will begin his discourses next Saturday evening, January 7. Mr. Bushell is well and favorably known as a forceful, humorous and logical speaker, and those of the public who avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him may rest assured that it will be worth the while. The arrangements of meetings for this city and vicinity are as follows: Saturday night, Temperance hall, Cedar Hill; Monday night, Sailors' Home, Esquimalt; Tuesday night, Temperance hall, Pandora avenue; Wednesday night, Temple's hall, Victoria West.

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INSTALLS OFFICERS

Parent Lodge of B. C. Masonry Sultably Observes Another Craft Anniversary.

The installation of officers of Victoria-Columbia Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.—the well-known pioneer lodge of British Columbia Masonry—was held at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street, last evening, in the presence of a very large number of members and visitors. The ceremony was conducted by the M. W. Grand master of the province, W. J. Bowser, K. C. M. P. P., Vancouver, who was assisted by M. W. Bros. H. H. Watson, Vancouver; Angus McKee and R. B. McKicking, Victoria; R. W. Bros. T. J. Armstrong, New Westminster; W. A. DeWolf, Smith, New Westminster; W. O. Miller, Vancouver, and S. H. Jarrett, Vancouver; and W. Bros. H. N. Rich, Ladner; C. H. Gatewood, Vancouver; H. A. Bell, Vancouver, and Jas. Selater, Vancouver. A number of brethren from the sister lodge, Vancouver and Quadra, No. 2, also took part.

The officers installed for the ensuing year are: W. M., G. D. Christie; I. P. M., W. K. Houston; S. W., J. H. Greer; J. W., W. H. F. Richardson; treasurer, R. E. Brett; secretary, B. S. Oddy; chaplain, Elliott S. Bowser; director of musicals, G. M. Fries; S. D., Dr. G. L. Milne; J. D., J. F. Salloway; organist, James Andrews; S. S., R. M. Palmer; J. S., S. Jones; I. G., A. F. Forbes; Tyler, F. Stockham.

After the ceremony of installation was concluded, a most pleasing event took place, in the presentation of the past master's jewel to the retiring W. M., Bro. W. K. Houston, who is universally popular in the craft, and who fittingly acknowledged the gift in his own happy style.

The brethren then adjourned to the A. O. U. W. hall, where a banquet had been prepared under the direction of Bro. E. E. Leason. The table decorations had been splendidly arranged with striking and beautiful electrical effect, the general appearance of the tables having rarely been excelled in British Columbia.

The usual list of loyal, fraternal and craft toasts were duly honored, the address of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. W. J. Bowser, being an especially appreciated and very eloquent and inspiring tribute to the proud history of Masonry and its immense influence for good the world over. The post prandial addresses of M. W. Bro. H. H. Watson, of Vancouver, perhaps the most famous after-dinner orator of the Terminal City, as well as the remarks of Bro. Dr. Elliott S. Bowser, and Bro. Abraham E. Smith, consul of the United States, as well as those of other visitors, were very heartily enjoyed.

The toast list included "The King and Craft," given by W. Bro. G. D. Christie; "The President of the United States," proposed by Bro. Dr. Elliott S. Bowser and appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Hon. Abraham E. Smith, United States Consul; "The Grand Lodge of British Columbia," called for by W. Bro. W. K. Houston and responded to by M. W. G. M., W. J. Bowser, K. C. M. P. P.; "The Newly Installed Officers," proposed by M. W. G. M. Bowser and acknowledged by Bro. G. D. Christie; H. Greer and W. H. F. Richardson; "Sister Lodges," "The Visiting Brethren," "Tyler's Toast," given respectively by Bros. Greer, Richardson and W. Bro. A. McKee.

Nor was the musical feature of the evening's gathering overlooked, songs being given by Bro. H. M. Robertson, M. D., Bro. C. S. Cobble, M. D., Bro. P. A. Habbington, J. W.; D. S. Mowat, guide; Donald Grant, first G. T.; J. E. Sabine, second G. T.; W. H. Huxtable, O. D.; A. Henderson, I. S.; J. A. Dresser, first W. W. Summerville, second W. R. C. Douglas, third W. B. Deacon, fourth W.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Jan. 5.—There was little life left in the market today, and the sentiment as expressed in the movement was thoroughly dull. The market was constant and the level of the market shifted many times from an average high to one that was lower. Dealings were small and were attributed almost altogether to professional sources. The feeble down movement which alternated with the indifferent advances were supposed to be due to short selling by traders to a large extent. Rumors of prospective railroad combination and abruptions still attracted attention, and the Standard Oil in New York Central railway were calculated to keep alive the discussion. Some effect is produced on sentiment by the rather censorious discussion of some recent episodes in the market of loans for stock market purposes which have come to light in the process of liquidation. The general feeling was one of a number of points of positive strength. The coalers responded to the reports of good conditions in the Anthracite district. This last group proved the mainstay of the market; it was the strong advance in the Erie that made the closing steady. Rumors of an advance in the price of coal accompanied the rise. The bond market was very broad, but the movement of prices was somewhat irregular; total purchases valued at \$2,429,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

CLOSING PRICES.

New York, Jan. 5.—Amalgam Copper 74 1/2; Anaconda 35 1/2; American Smeltering 14 1/2; B. & O. 100; C. & O. 100; D. & W. 100; E. & F. 100; G. & H. 100; I. & J. 100; K. & L. 100; M. & N. 100; O. & P. 100; Q. & R. 100; S. & T. 100; U. & V. 100; W. & X. 100; Y. & Z. 100; AA. 100; AB. 100; AC. 100; AD. 100; AE. 100; AF. 100; AG. 100; AH. 100; AI. 100; AJ. 100; AK. 100; AL. 100; AM. 100; AN. 100; AO. 100; AP. 100; AQ. 100; AR. 100; AS. 100; AT. 100; AU. 100; AV. 100; AW. 100; AX. 100; AY. 100; AZ. 100; BA. 100; BB. 100; BC. 100; BD. 100; BE. 100; BF. 100; BG. 100; BH. 100; BI. 100; BJ. 100; BK. 100; BL. 100; BM. 100; BN. 100; BO. 100; BP. 100; BQ. 100; BR. 100; BS. 100; BT. 100; BU. 100; BV. 100; BW. 100; BX. 100; BY. 100; BZ. 100; CA. 100; CB. 100; CC. 100; CD. 100; CE. 100; CF. 100; CG. 100; CH. 100; CI. 100; CJ. 100; CK. 100; CL. 100; CM. 100; CN. 100; CO. 100; CP. 100; CQ. 100; CR. 100; CS. 100; CT. 100; CU. 100; CV. 100; CW. 100; CX. 100; CY. 100; CZ. 100; DA. 100; DB. 100; DC. 100; DD. 100; 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MONEY MARKETS.

London, Jan. 5.—Lead £13 12s. 6d. New York lead \$4.00.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE.

London, Jan. 5.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was unchanged today at 3 per cent.

SEVERE COLD IN THE CHEST.

"My fourteen-year-old boy had a very severe cold in the chest last winter and I really thought he was going to die. He coughed and spit blood, and some times would spit up blood. I can positively say that he was completely cured by two bottles of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed Oil, and he has been healthy and strong since."—Mrs. J. Provost, Renfrew, Ont.

THE WATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Jan. 5.—8 p. m. SYNOPSIS.

An extensive high barometer area still covers the Pacific slope and due weather with light to moderate winds prevails from northern British Columbia to California. The weather is also fine in the Territories and mild in Alberta, caused by a chinook wind, while in Manitoba the temperature is about or below zero.

MIN. MAX.

Victoria 40 46
New Westminster 38 46
Kamloops 30 34
Barkerville 28 34
Calgary 14 28
Winnipeg, Man. 12 4
Portland, Ore. 34 44
San Francisco 44 50

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Friday:
Victoria and vicinity: Winds mostly northerly; generally fair; stationary or lower temperature at night.
Lower Mainland: Winds mostly northerly; W. Paterson, W. O. Miller, E. P. C. any or lower temperature.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5.

Deg. Mean 40
5 a. m. 38
Noon 42
5 p. m. 40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m. 2 miles east.
Noon 4 miles northeast.
5 p. m. 3 miles north.

Average state of weather—F. R. Sunshine—4 hours 24 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed 30.412
Corrected 30.446
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected 30.42

NEW WESTMINSTER.

In the Matter of the Estate of Constance Langford Davis, late of Victoria, B. C., deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Trusts and Executors Act to all creditors of the estate to deliver to the undersigned before the 24th day of January, 1905, full particulars of claims, verified by Statutory declaration. After such date the executors will proceed to distribute the assets according to law.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1904.
M. PHILLIPS & HEISTERMAN,
Of Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executors.

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Real Estate

FOR SALE

E. A. Harris & Co.
35 FORT STREET.

FOR SALE OR LEASE, with option of purchase, 10 1/2 acres, all cleared, 3 miles from P. O.; 6 room cottage, barns, well, \$20 a month.

Victoria West, 3 corner lots, 60x120; each \$ 300

Hillside avenue, 40x131 250

Simcoe street, 60x120 400

Meligan, corner lot 550

Harrison street, 50x150 500

Herald street, 60x120 700

Langford, Victoria West, 60x130 400

Battery street, lot 55x119 340

Dallas road, lot 60x148 650

1 1/2 acres, Fairfield road, 2 storey, 8-room house 2,200

FURNISHED HOUSES TO RENT AT \$30, \$35, \$40.

Beaumont Boggs,
Real Estate & Insurance Agent, 42 Fort St.

TO LET—Furnished house for few months; choice situation.

LARGE LOTS on Clarence street, James Bay; sewer on street. Price only \$500 each, on easy terms.

SEVERAL NICE FARMS in Cowichan district and Saanich, at reasonable prices.

SEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE, Richmond road, with 100 acres, with monthly payments of \$15; interest at 4 per cent.

NORTH DAIRY—5 acre blocks of land still under cultivation, best and nearest sites for home.

J. A. Douglas
Real Estate, 73 1/2 Government Street.
Phone 1040.

Very desirable building lots for sale at exceptionally low prices for cash.

MOSS STREET—16 lots, \$300 each.

MYRTLE STREET—14 lots, \$200 each.

All above lots measure 50x120. Sales will be made on instalment plan to suit purchasers.

OFFICE TO RENT—Government street, \$6.00 per month—upstairs.

HOUSE—6 rooms and 2 lots, 37 Heywood avenue; garden with fruit trees; lots 52x120 each. Great bargain; terms \$1,000 cash.

COTTAGE—5 rooms, standing on 2 lots, with stable, James Bay district, \$2,000.

COTTAGE and one lot, \$2,000.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

CANVASSER—One with experience and of good address to handle a toilet paper advertisement in first instance "A. A. J." this office.

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade in Victoria. For lessons and constant practice; expert instruction and examinations; wages earned while learning. Catalogue mailed free. Molar System College, San Francisco, Cal. 425

WANTED—Canvassing, collecting, and all kinds of commission work. Victoria College, Room 1, Williams Block, Yates street.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

ADVERTISEMENTS under this heading will be inserted at a special rate of one-half cent per word, with six insertions for the price of four.

STRONG YOUNG MAN desires position in grocery store, wholesale or retail. Box 100 Colonist.

WANTED—A nice young Japanese wants a situation in any kind of work. Address P. O. Box 322.

WANTED—Strong young man desires position in wholesale house or office. Box 102 Colonist.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

WANTED—Lady offers good home to reliable woman in exchange for services; care of children, light housework, small wages. Box 111 Colonist.

INVESTMENTS

We have at the present time a number of investments that we can recommend, which we will be happy to place before intending investors.

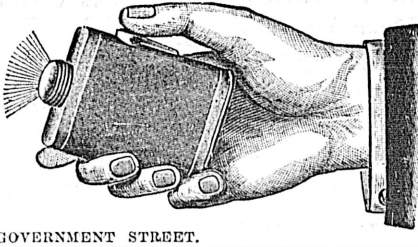
PEMBERTON & SON
45 FORT STREET

EXCELSIOR HEN FOOD

CHEAPER THAN WHEAT
Will make hens lay, because it furnishes the chemicals necessary to make an egg.
\$1.75 PER 100 LBS.

Sylvester Feed Co., -87-89 YATES STREET
Tel. 413.

BEST YET
2.00 Each
HINTON ELECTRIC COMPANY, GOVERNMENT STREET.



Took Guns For 203 Metre Hill

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velocity of the projectiles of this class of ordnance, and, like the Japanese, they concede that without the use of these guns the fall of the fortress would have been delayed several weeks, if not longer. Capt. Cullen says the submarine which he took out from Austria on the Giza was a large craft of the Holland type. It was built in sections, and on arrival at Kure it was put together. It has been tried, Capt. Cullen having been in the vessel when it was submerged. He says it dives excellently, and will be of great use to the Japanese. It has been reported from time to time that the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk, which was sunk at Port Arthur and foundered quickly with Admiral Makarov and the greater part of his crew on board was destroyed by a submarine; according to the tale now told this was the case.

This is the tale as told by an eye-witness who was on board the submarine in question. The plan of the Japanese was to send in a fleet of fourteen or fifteen old vessels, mostly converted merchant vessels disguised as cruisers. A fog aided the operations. The vessels went well toward the harbor mouth at Port Arthur, armed with some quick-firers and some obsolete guns. Their purpose was to entice the Russian vessels from the harbor, and they did so. The Japanese expected to lose the greater number of them, volunteers on board having given their lives for the work. The vessels formed in line of battle, and the Russian admiral, seeing the weak fleet, or seemingly weak fleet that came against him, advanced from the harbor in line of battle.

Outside the mine field in fifty fathoms of water the submarine which Capt. Cullen and Jack O'Brien, another American, had taken to Sasebo two years ago—Japan has been preparing for this war for ten years—was waiting. O'Brien and other foreign engineers—there were but four Japanese in the vessel's complement of 22 men—had been trying to get the boat, a large submarine of the Holland type, and had voyaged from Sasebo to Port Arthur in her. She steered well and when the Petropavlovsk came out at the head of the Russian cruisers, following the converted cruisers which fought as they fled, the submarine was hooked to her clock.

This is as the tale was told. When the submarine was fast to the rolling clock of the warship, 2,000 pounds of gun cotton was attached by means of a block of ice. With this great explosive hooked on to the doomed vessel the submarine backed off 500 yards, and the vessel was shortly afterward blown up amidships. The explosion blew up the boilers and split the decks—the destruction, as was reported, being most complete. When those who had engineered the destruction learned of how it had come from the top of the water they were told of how the main Japanese squadron came from the direction of the Miao-tao group and the Petropavlovsk was running back to the harbor when she was blown up.

This submarine was one of two which were taken to Japan before the war, the other being a smaller one which did not act very well. Both were taken to Japan

Treated by Three Doctors

for a

Severe Attack of

Dyspepsia,

Got No Relief From

Medicines, But Found It At

Last In

Burdock Blood Bitters.

Mrs. Frank Hutt, Morrisburg, Ont., was one of those troubled with this most common of stomach troubles. She writes:—"After being treated by three doctors, and using many advertised medicines, for a severe attack of Dyspepsia, and receiving no benefit, I gave up all hope of ever being cured. Hearing Burdock Blood Bitters so highly spoken of, I decided to get a bottle, and give it a trial. Before I had taken it I began to feel better, and by the time I had taken the second one I was completely cured. I cannot recommend Burdock Blood Bitters too highly, and would advise all sufferers from dyspepsia to give it a trial."

in the summer before that which had just past, in August, 1903. That which sunk the Petropavlovsk was used when the torpedo attack of Feb. 9 took place at Port Arthur, when the Russians lost so heavily. She entered the harbor and exploded the Cesarevitch, but this vessel was afterward repaired. Had it not been for the fact that the submarine had been taken back to Sasebo, the naval station in Japan, for repairs, when the Russian warships escaped from Port Arthur in August last, it is thought that the submarine would have worked havoc with one or more of them.

According to Capt. Cullen the Japanese have now no less than thirty submarines, all of which were shipped to Japan in sections. Some are even now being put together. On the last trip of the steamer Kanagawa Maru, the vessel carried several in sections from Seattle, they being billed as steel plates, even as Capt. Cullen ships his guns as agricultural implements—they plough the ground, he says. They will have a great fleet of warships of all kinds in readiness for the Baltic squadron, and the Petropavlovsk and Formosa have been fortified for use as a base. Doubtless the Russians will use an island off Sasebo for a base, as there is a question as to the ownership of some of the islands, a matter which would enable the French to elude the question of violation of neutrality.

The Japanese have at Kure and Sasebo a number of vessels converted from the Russians and these, with some merchant ships, have been cut down almost to the waters, and hoods of thick armor plate have been built on them, making them into armored cruisers. The vessels of the type of the U. S. S. Tennessee, the craft which fought so well in the civil war. Sea-going tugs are also being armored and had one or more guns mounted on them, and many merchant vessels have been fitted as auxiliary cruisers.

That Capt. Cullen's stay in Trieste did not escape the notice of the Russians is evident, and it is thought by him that the knowledge that he had a submarine about ready to ship by the steamer Giza caused the Russian admiral to be so fearful when passing through the North Sea among the peaceful trawlers that the tragedy occurred in Japan in connection with the Russian vessels. The following letter, which appeared in the Paris edition of the New York Herald on September 25 last, dated from the Hotel Delorme at Trieste a few days before may have a bearing on the matter.

The writer, who signs "X" says: "Two large submarine boats were recently observed near Della Gracia Bay, Syria, taking supplies from a British tramp steamer. These boats are commanded by Capt. Cullen and O'Brien, American officers. They are equipped with above water ball-bearing rifle guns firing auto-propulsive shells either on the surface or submerged. The officers named have had large experience in Japan in connection with the destruction of the Petropavlovsk and other Russian vessels. Capt. Cullen has been the guest of Eustacia Nostrov at Della Gracia for some weeks. Several other boats of the same origin are cruising among the Greek islands."

The above letter appeared in the Paris edition of the New York Herald shortly before Capt. Cullen sailed for Japan in the Giza, and it is claimed in the submarine mentioned was that in which he and his friends were awaiting the coming of the Russian Baltic squadron which they had expected to come by the way of the Mediterranean, but Rotnevsky went by way of the broad Atlantic.

Capt. Cullen is authority for the news that the Japanese have saved the Russian cruiser Variag, which was one of the vessels sunk at Chemulpo by Admiral Cullen's fleet at the beginning of the war. This ship, which was built by the Germans at Philadelphia at a cost of six million dollars, was expected to be repaired by the Japanese and added to Togo's fleet. Capt. Cullen says he saw the Variag at Sasebo.

Capt. Cullen says he has offered his scheme of ball-bearing boats to the British government, which is considering the adoption of the method for the British navy. He has sold the rights of manufacturing rifles of the type to the Turkish government, and expects that other powers will adopt it. He has three guns coming to Victoria of the ball-bearing type which he has invented on the steamer Keemun, which is due tomorrow from Yokohama. These guns which he took out for the besiegers' use at Port Arthur. They are sample guns from the factory in Virginia, but two of them were loaned to the Japanese and were used, one in a mountain battery and the other in a field battery at the battle of the Yalu.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

Should Have Esquimaux Made Headquarters for Naval Cadets.

A gentleman prominent in the ranks of the Liberal party, and who besides has the interests of Victoria very much at heart, throws out a suggestion yesterday respecting the new status of Esquimaux which is likely to receive consideration during the ensuing months, viz.: That an agitation should be immediately undertaken in this corner of the Dominion looking to the making of Esquimaux the central point of the Pacific for the training of naval cadets. It is pointed out in this connection that much rivalry will naturally ensue between Vancouver and Victoria regarding such a development of federal plans, and it is proposed that Victorians should take such immediate action as will result in the very best possible case being made out for Esquimaux as the place at which to establish training quarters for the Canadian navy which is to be.

Board Of Trade Has A Busy Day

Council Considers Matters of Importance to Victoria's Trade Interests.

Discrimination in Parcels Post Plan—Defective Assessment Legislation.

A protracted, and, in many respects extra-important, meeting of the council of the Board of Trade was held yesterday, at which the question of discrimination in the shipment of goods by deep sea going craft in British Columbia, of parcels post arrangements from the Orient, the discontinuance of passenger service by the Terminal railway interest, naval reduction at Esquimaux, taxation, readjustment and fisheries interests generally received consideration. Incidental to the references to the assessment commission, sittings of which open at the finance department on Tuesday morning next, the president was requested to name a committee to represent the board before the commissioners; and with respect to British Columbia being adequately represented at the approaching Lewis and Clark centennial exposition in Portland, Oregon, the secretary was directed to communicate with Premier McBride urging the desirability of the provincial government undertaking the preparation and display of a suitable exhibit, the various boards of trade throughout the province being urged to co-operate in the matter of securing governmental action upon this suggestion. The meeting, which occupied two full hours, was attended by President S. J. Pitts and Messrs. W. T. Oliver, C. C. Todd, Capt. J. Graham, C. W. Bone, W. Forman, Stephen Jones, J. Kingham, S. Leiser, D. R. Ker and Ald. J. L. Beckwith.

In acknowledging a letter of the board's of the 30th of November on the subject of greater facilities for the shipment of goods by deep sea going vessels visiting British Columbia ports, the deputy minister of marine, Mr. F. Gourdeau, wrote that this matter was already engaging the attention of the department, as it did last session, and he further stated that during the approaching session of the Dominion parliament he would bring forward a bill in connection with this matter.

"I may state for your information," the deputy minister added, "that any alterations in the present system will require legislative authority."

The matter of defects in the Oriental parcels post system was introduced in a communication from the Geo. Carter Co., Limited, which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Bone and Forman, who will report back to the board. The communication in question reads as follows:

"We are desirous of directing your earnest and careful attention to a matter which we think should be carefully considered by the board, and which is of great importance to our best commercial interests, to be taken up with the authorities and adjusted so that we will not be discriminated against as at present. We have reference to the matter of parcels post from the Orient. In this particular instance on the Empress which arrived at this port today (the letter bears date of January 4), we are the losers, having to hold our traveler over for one day on account of samples coming to us from them by parcels post, which have gone on to Vancouver, and will not be here until tomorrow night. We are informed that this is the regular procedure, and that the parcels post is not distributed from this point, but is sent on to Vancouver, and returned at this point by the next or following mails. We see no reason why we should not get our samples which are sent to us from time to time by our friends in the Orient as quickly as our competitors, and we are looking into this matter of the parcels post from the Orient you would also consider the matter of parcels post to the Orient, as we have to mail all parcels per parcels post from this city two days previous to the steamer leaving from Vancouver."

With respect to the conference between the mayor and City Council and the representatives of the board in respect to changes in the Victoria Terminal Company's services, which conference was held on the 21st of December, the board being represented by Messrs. Pitts, Simon, Paterson, Beck, with Forman and Ker, President Pitts mentioned that the mayor, in his reply to the opening and explanatory remarks of the board delegation, said that a proposal had been received from the Terminal Railway Company people advising that they intended to discontinue their parcel service, but were prepared to continue the delivery of freight in exchange for the necessary franchise and use of the present terminal. In the opinion of his worship the mayor and the board members, this proposal was not satisfactory, and a proposition had been made, particulars of which his worship was not prepared to make public at the present juncture. An acknowledgment had been received from the Great Northern Railway Company in which it was stated that Mr. Hendry's return to the coast, he will communicate the company's views in the hope that a mutual satisfactory arrangement will eventually be arrived at.

The following communication from the committee on trade, transportation and commerce was referred to the next ensuing quarterly general meeting of the board:

Gentlemen—Your committee on trade, transportation and commerce have carefully considered the memorial of the Navy League, Victoria and Esquimaux Branch, dealing with the withdrawal of the British navy forces from Esquimaux, and while recognizing the importance of the facts therein stated, and being in sympathy with the views expressed, cannot advise the board to endorse the same.

At the same time we are of the opinion that some action should be taken in the matter, but from a study of the memorial, and we beg to submit the following resolution for your consideration, looking to the assumption by the Canadian government of many of the minor duties, so long and so willingly performed by the Imperial navy.

There is a possibility the Imperial authorities will permanently withdraw the Pacific squadron from Esquimaux and close the naval dockyard and hospital dependent thereon. And whereas Canada has not contributed in any way to the maintenance of the Imperial navy, and whereas this board has already expressed its appreciation of the intention of the Canadian government to make early provision for the establishment of a Canadian naval militia, and that the government should assume part of the burden hitherto so cheerfully borne by the people of Great Britain:

Be it therefore resolved that this board strongly approves of the intention of the government to establish a Canadian naval militia and would respectfully urge that early provision be made for the performance of all the naval duties of a commercial character which have been so far performed by the Imperial navy. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Respecting the taxation communication, Turner, Beeton & Company, Limited, addressed the board, and stated that "owing to heavy taxation on stock, etc., which wholesalers in British Columbia are subjected to under the present Assessment Act, we write this to bring before the notice of your board a particular hardship on the wholesale

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The enclosures referred to consisted of a copy of the letter addressed by Turner, Beeton & Company, Limited, to the surveyor of taxes and his reply. The former asked merely for information as to how many license fees had been collected under clause 59 of the act since the passage of the legislation in question; and the answer, dated the 6th of December, was that no license fees had been collected under this clause. Mr. McKillop, the surveyor of taxes, adding: "I have to refer you to my letter of the 27th of April last to you on this subject, in which I gave you the reason for such license fees not being collected."

The reason cited for non-collection, it was explained, was that under the act as it stands at present, the statute was practically impossible in its working out. The following communication from the committee on fisheries was received and referred to the general monthly meeting with a resolution expressing the council's approval of its contents: "Your fisheries committee beg to report that the evidence of Mr. Peterson, fisherman lately employed by the New England Company, which has been taken at the request of the council, was clearly to the effect that fishing in Hecate Straits and Queen Charlotte Sound is continually being carried on by American vessels within the three-mile limit, also that Canadian harbors are being used in the preparation of the fish. The committee recommends that strong representations should be made to the Dominion government to prevent this and protect Canadian interests, which otherwise must be prejudiced by the special privileges granted to an alien company."

The following resolution was submitted: "Whereas the halibut and other deep sea fisheries of the Canadian Pacific are of great importance to the Dominion, and if systematically developed are capable of supporting a large additional white population on this coast; and whereas, through lack of knowledge of conditions, and more particularly of means of concentrating, storing and marketing the products, the industry is in a comparative state of non-development, be it resolved that the Dominion government be urged to appoint a practical expert (1) to make a complete study and survey of the fisheries and of the industry as it now exists; (2) to make a similar study and survey of available markets for the products of the industry; (3) to set up a system of co-operative storing, curing and marketing fish under similar conditions."

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